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REMEMBRANCE

*The heart hath its own memory, like the mind. And in it are enshrined
the precious keepsakes, into which is wrought the giver's loving thought. ~ H.W. Longfellow*

~In Memoriam~

BROTHER

CALLED HOME

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Self Improvement and the Right Thing

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“Look, if don’t want an honest answer then don’t ask me the question.” “It’s genetic, I just can’t (run, loose weight, learn math, etc. etc. etc.) “I have always had a bit of temper, it’s just who I am.” These things being the obstacles to self improvement because in the end they are excuse not to expend energy in changing ourselves. We will often spend a lifetime of energy trying to change those around us. We will often lament that others “just don’t understand us.” But, truly, how often are we willing to expend the effort to radically change ourselves, to overcome a natural tendency and seek improvement. It is difficult and the excuse of “nature” is an easy one.

I was speaking to a man the other day and it hit home how important this is. He had shared with me stories of a relative in his past. The man was good, and in my friend’s estimation, dang near angelic. I am sure that death and time have purified his memories and death and time often prove a valuable forge and hone for removing impurities. But, it is fair to say that he misses this man and the impression left by a life of moral chivalry left an indelible imprint upon my friend’s psyche.

This man is not a Mason, but his mentor was. He knew I was a Mason and our conversation turned in that direction. The “what is a Mason” question popped up after telling me about his friend. I thought about it for just a bit and said, “Remember your mentor’s ability to simply do right even when it was tough?” “Sure,” he said. “Masons are all the men on the journey to

achieve that same peace and comfort with morality in the face of adversity.”

I was shocked at what followed. He shared with me that parts of his life were in conflict with what he knew to be right and correct behaviour and followed, “I would love to be a Mason, but I think I need to fix some things first if I am going to follow in [the mentor’s] footsteps.”

More than the fact that my friend had some moral conflicts in his life, but that his mentor’s quiet life of doing the right thing had radiated as a light he likely never imagined. This man he affected, now in his late 50’s, was going to begin of a journey of righting some wrongs and living in balance because a man and Mason who impressed him and lived by example.

Masons are those men who simply try to do right, even when it is hard. Religion might serve this purpose, in laying down moral code. But in truth, with today’s coffee bar churches preaching universal forgiveness without accountability, there is a void of moral consciousness. Masonry’s lodges and temples provide a quiet and reflective place to say, “I have my faith, but I am going to take this a step further and live my faith as action through a moral life.”

Several will read this and claim that I am preaching that faith requires good deeds and that this is against the teachings of Christ and his outpouring of grace. Yep, I am teaching that faith requires good deeds and that conflicted evangelicals claiming that it does not are deluded.

But I digress. Masonry teaches and condones right behaviour. That IS something that is relevant and this world needs.



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

Scottish Rite Family Day. Saturday, August 11 will be filled with Masonic events for the entire family.

Starting at 10:00 am, the ESMRC picnic at 2445 South Quebec St will feature musical entertainment for all ages, childrens activities, food and family beverages. This event is free to all members of the Masonic family and their guests, sponsored in part by the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Center, Grand Lodge, several local Lodges and Denver Consistory. Festivities are scheduled to conclude at 1:00 pm. Look for the flyer included elsewhere in this issue.

At 5:00 pm that same day Denver Consistory will present an entertaining program of interesting stories from Colorado history that feature famous (and not so famous) characters from the Denver area. It will be followed at 6:00 pm with the annual shrimp boil buffet, including chicken strips for those who prefer them to compliment the ears of corn, potato salad, cole slaw, beverages and desert. The charge for the dinner is \$25 to help cover the costs of the food. Children under 12 eat for \$10; those under 6 are free. Dress is casual. We expect to conclude by 7:00 pm, leaving the evening free for other family activities. Details are also in the flyer on another page of this issue.

Congratulations to the Colorado Masonic Band Camp for another year of success. Three years in a row these outstanding Colorado high school music students have won first prize for a marching band in the Greeley Stampede Parade with less than one week to prepare. This great experience is made possible by the year round efforts of the director and his volunteer staff, plus the concentrated efforts during the camp from the

volunteer chaperones and the University of Northern Colorado musical staff.

Officers Mid-Year Planning Dinner will be held at Denver Consistory at 6:00 pm on Wednesday August 22. All new members of the Consistory since 2010 are also invited to participate in this complementary dinner and the discussion of membership programs that will follow. RSVP to the Consistory office at 303-861-4261 or to denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org.



Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



Fort Collins' small lodge room B & J

The Age of Enlightenment

Colorado is in a very unique place within Freemasonry. We stand out within the Southern Jurisdiction and in Blue Lodge circles across the

nation. There are a number of reasons for this: our educational side of all we do, the number of good quality speakers found within our borders and the advancing of a variety of ideals that draws to it a number of young, energetic men.

This is for us “*the age of enlightenment*”. We have done so much in the past few years to advance Masonic themes within the state and with individuals that it is showing not only within, but outside our state’s borders. Finally, various individuals and Masonic bodies within the state have noted that education is one of the keys to gaining new members and keeping those who join happy, healthy and growing. This is key to our health as a group, we not only need to bring in new members regularly, we need to keep interested and active those who are members. So they feel like they get not only their money’s worth, but membership is worth their time.

When you travel and mention that you belong to a Colorado lodge or Consistory, it is noted by those who hear it. There is a growing list of individuals who are known nationally, speak within and outside our state’s boundaries, write or do magazines that are read internationally that promote and educate our members on a variety of subjects.

Recently we had some Brothers come here and speak from different nations around the world. It was an opportunity that many states may never have and should be taken advantage of by all who have the time and energy. Educational and fraternal opportunities are happening all around us. And it is good to see this. This is how the historic “age of enlightenment” started – with a broadening of thought, tolerance of ideas and promotion of advancing principles. Brothers are being strengthened; they are growing and learning a lot in a number of areas that will change them and those around them for years to come.

But just as some of those who lived through the first historical age of enlightenment, there are those who look down upon all this and miss the point. The first age changed the world, yet some people and areas of that day still held on to their dark past and did not advance like everyone else. They are not mentioned much in history, for the rest

of the world left them behind and went on to great things.



We in Colorado need to continue to advance and be on the cutting edge of Masonry and return to the dark ages. The hope for a prosperous future for Masonry is held within this view and should not be short sided by any. As I travel around the state lecturing for the Grand Lodge Speaker’s Bureau, I see many different lodges. They perform the same ritual, but the spirit, format and décor are all different. Sometimes I walk back to my car thinking to myself that there truly is a lodge for everyone.

Masonry has continually changed since its conception, our traditional oral and printed history proves this. And we will always do so in the future. New programs, different slants on old themes and motivated Brothers all add up to a fraternity that grows, continues on and does the great work.



Education, of all kinds – of ritual, history, esoteric and for the individual Brother’s everyday practical life all work together to make us better. It enlightens us all, makes the world better and is what the ultimate goal of all we do is about. May this age not end soon, but continue for many years.

ALLEGIANCE

The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Denver, Orient of Colorado, acknowledge and Yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third degree of the Ancient Scottish Rite of Freemasonry For the Southern Jurisdiction of The United States of America.

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Scottish Rite Creed
"Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal."



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CALENDAR

2012 Denver Consistory Schedule

August

Sat	Aug 11	10:00AM	ESMRC Fraternal Family Community Picnic and Car Show
		5:00 PM	Educational Program - Parking garage available Ladies and Guests invited
		6:00 PM	Shrimp Boil - Parking garage available Ladies and Guests invited
Sun	Aug 19		All Masonic Picnic
Wed	Aug 22	6:00 PM	Officers' Midyear Planning Dinner Meeting

September

Mon	Sep 3		Consistory closed for Labor Day holiday
Thurs	Sept 6		Consistory closed for Grand York Rite
Fri	Sept 7		Consistory closed for Grand York Rite
Sat	Sept 15	10:00AM	Community Shred0-a -thon sponsored by Jobs Daughters Bethel 40 and ESMRC
Mon	Sept 17		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available - <i>Sports Team Shirt Night</i>
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner
		7:00 PM	Awards and Patents - Scottish Rite Foundation Program

October

Sat	Oct 6	5:00 PM	Oktoberfest at El Jebel Shrine Center
Mon	Oct 15		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner
		7:00 PM	Entertainment - Feast of Tishri Observance
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting- 5 minute Oration by Minister of State of Denver Consistory
Sat	Oct 27	5:00 PM	Great Masonic Cookoff sponsored by KSA

Note: all menus are listed on our web page at www.denverconsistory.org

DENVER CONSISTORY

Story Hour and Shrimp Boil

Saturday, August 11, 2012

5:00 pm - Shared Stories from memories and archives about
Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Colorado



6:00 pm - Dinner

Buffet Style Menu Includes:

Boiled Shrimp and/or Chicken Strips

Corn on the cob

Cole Slaw

Potato Salad

Dessert

Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

Casual fun for the whole family

Denver Consistory, 1370 Grant Street, Denver

\$25 per adult, \$10 under 12, Free under 6

Reservations required

Phone 303-861-4261 for reservations not later than Wednesday, August 8.

Fraternal Family Community Picnic

AND CAR SHOW



Saturday August 11

10:00am – 1:00pm

at the

Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community

Soundwaves will perform at 10am

Performance by John Phillip Sousa Band at 11am

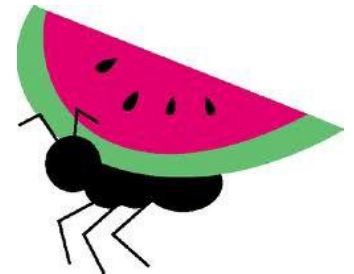
Complimentary BBQ, Multigenerational Activities

Bounce House, Cotton Candy, Popcorn

Air Brush Tattoo Artist, Sno Cones, Clowns

Character Artist &

Dunk Tank Sponsored by Paul Revere Lodge #130



*If you would like to have a table to sell Fraternal
Family items*

or if you have questions call

Pati Sawyer Boex 303-753-2160 or patis@esmrc.com





Community Shred-a thon

**You could be a victim of identity theft
and not even know it!**

Jobs Daughters Bethel 40 and the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community is trying to prevent you from becoming a victim through a Document-Shredding Event.

Saturday, September 15
From 10am until noon
at the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community:
2445 South Quebec St. Denver

BRING - Old checks, bills, bank statements, credit card offers, medical records, tax forms, pay stubs, etc.

DO NOT BRING - Newspapers, phone books, magazines, plastic, cardboard or catalogues.

3 COPY BOXES OR BAGS PER SMALL BUSINESS OR HOUSEHOLD

**Donations accepted for the Jobs Daughters Bethel 40.
Questions Call Pati Sawyer Boex Fraternal Relations Director:
303-753-2160.**

Colorado Masonic Family Picnic



Sunday, August 19
11:00 – 3:00

Tony Grampsas Memorial Park

44th Avenue & Salvia Street

Golden

Lunch Served at 11:30

UNTIL FOOD RUNS OUT

Menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, corn on the cob, dessert, beer, pop, water and more!

Games and Prizes for Kids of All Ages!

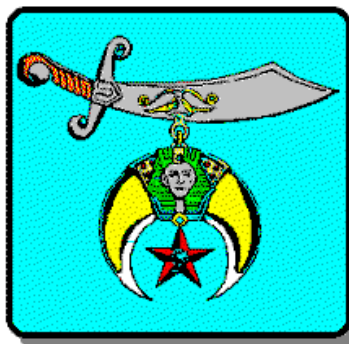
Bring your own lawn chairs

TICKETS: Advanced Reservations: \$5.00 At the Picnic: \$7.00 (Children under 6 are free!)

- ~ Includes food and drink ~ ~ No tickets will be issued ~ ~ Check-in at the gate ~
 - ~ Ticket holders will receive a hand stamp at the ticket table upon arrival at the Park ~
- There will be no comps for this event; all are expected to purchase tickets**

Colorado Masonic Family Picnic Reservations

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND
MAIL TO:
El Jebel Shrine
4625 West 50th Avenue



Name _____ Phone _____

Number of Tickets: _____ @ \$5.00 # of children under 6 _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____